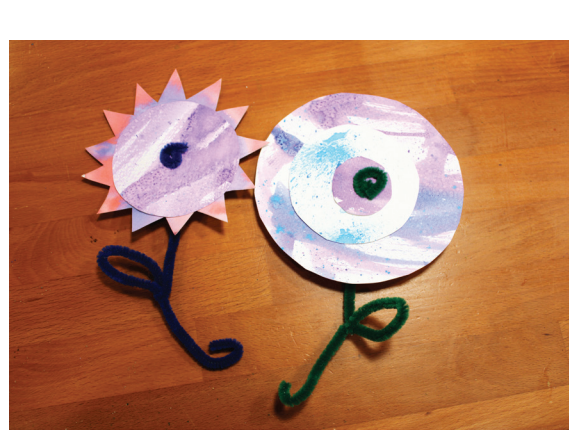


Watercolor Pipe Cleaner Flower or Flower Garland



Materials:

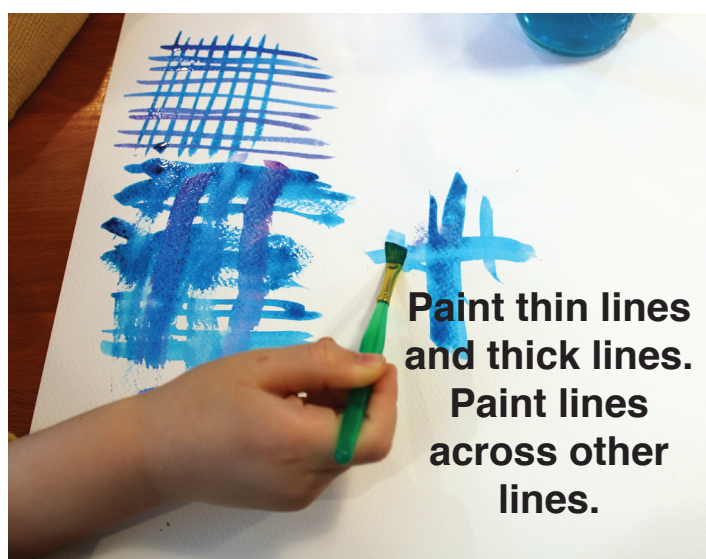
- Sturdy absorbant paper
- Watercolors
- Water container
- Water
- Paintbrushes
- Toothbrush
- Salt
- Pencil
- Lids (multiple sizes)
- Scissors
- Pipe cleaners (che-nille stems)
- Ribbon, twine or yarn

Paint a few pieces of paper with a variety of fun watercolor techniques.

* Let the paper dry completely and turn it over and paint the other side.

* Adults, help your child get a good amount of pigment on their brush to get nice bold colors.

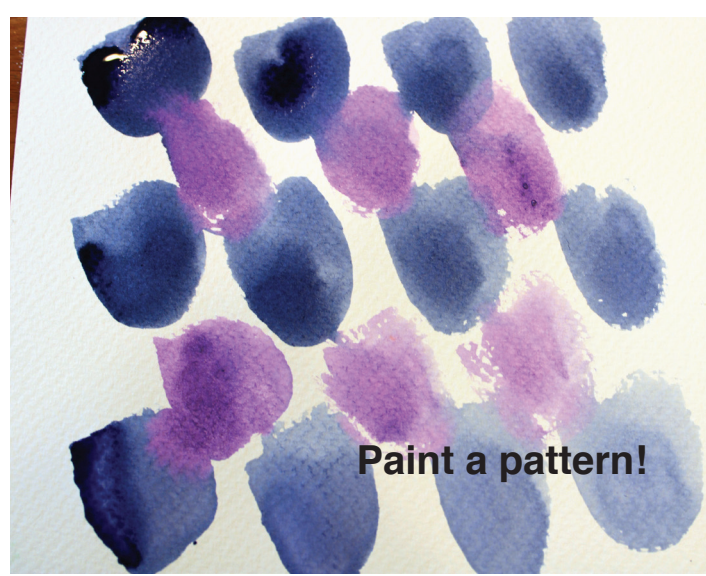
* Choose just a few similar colors to avoid having a brown or grey painting!



Paint thin lines and thick lines. Paint lines across other lines.



Use a toothbrush to spatter paint. Prepare to get messy!



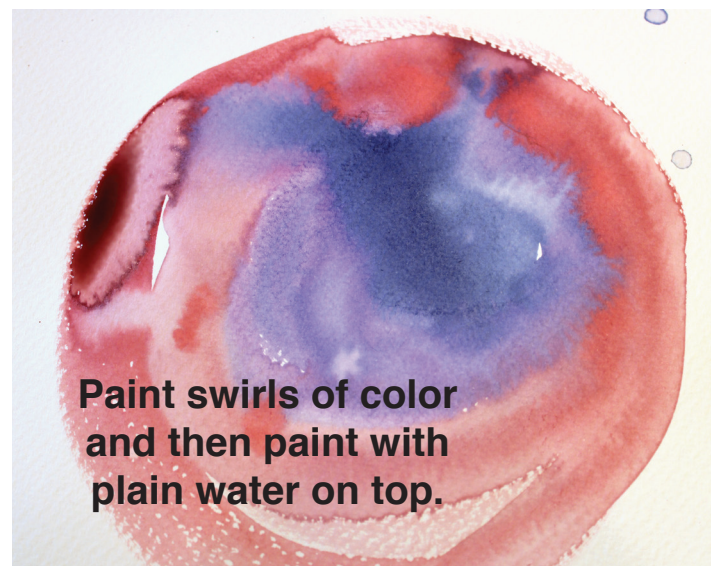
Paint a pattern!



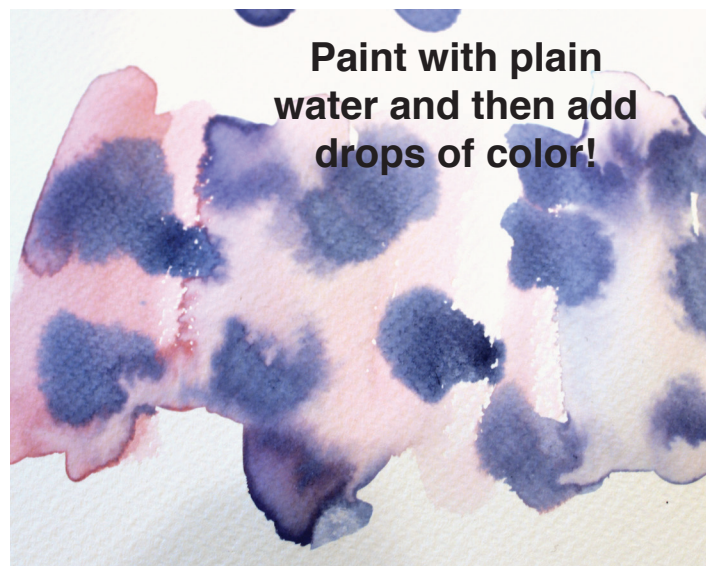
Shake salt onto your painting and see what happens! Let it dry all the way and then shake the salt off.



Paint a a square with one color and then paint another color next to it (make sure they touch). Watch them mix together in the middle!



Paint swirls of color and then paint with plain water on top.



Paint with plain water and then add drops of color!



After the paint is dry... Use a pencil and lids to trace lots of circles on your painting.

Draw lobes or points on some of the circles.



Cut out all the shapes.

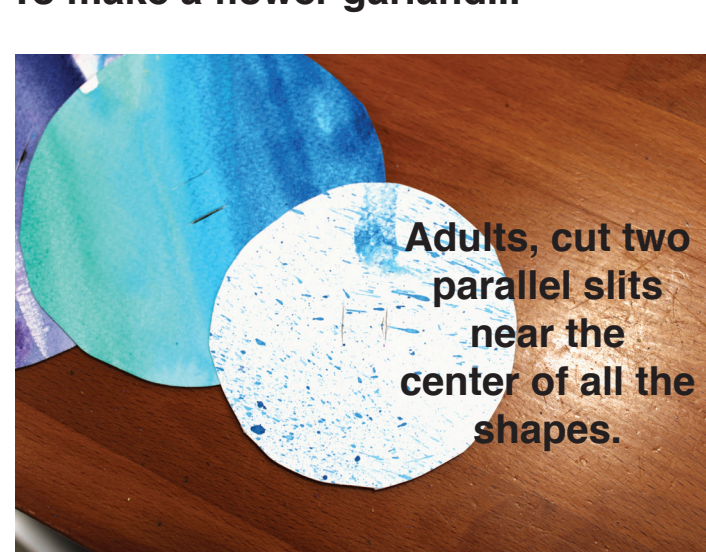


To make a pipe cleaner flower...

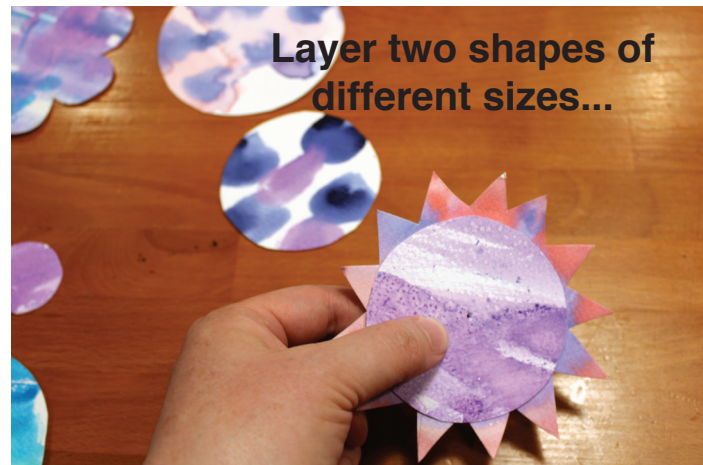
To make a flower garland...



Adults, poke a hole in the center of each shape.



Adults, cut two parallel slits near the center of all the shapes.



Layer two shapes of different sizes...

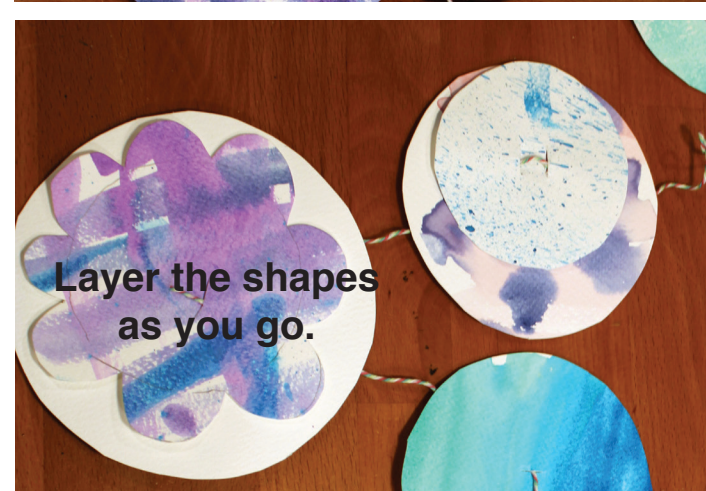


Thread the ribbon or string through the slits.

If you have a plastic needle or a large blunt needle, children can "sew" the garland. If not, it's an easier job for an adult!



...or three!



Layer the shapes as you go.



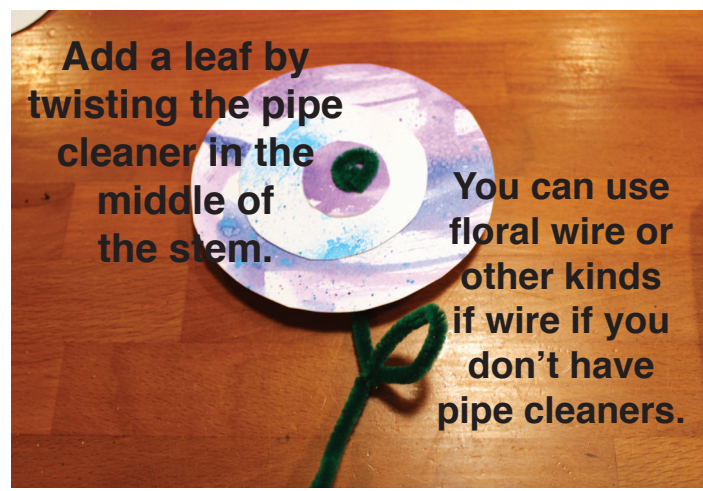
Poke the pipe cleaner through the hole.



You can use shapes from decorative paper or magazines layered with your watercolor shapes.



Twist it into a spiral so it stays.

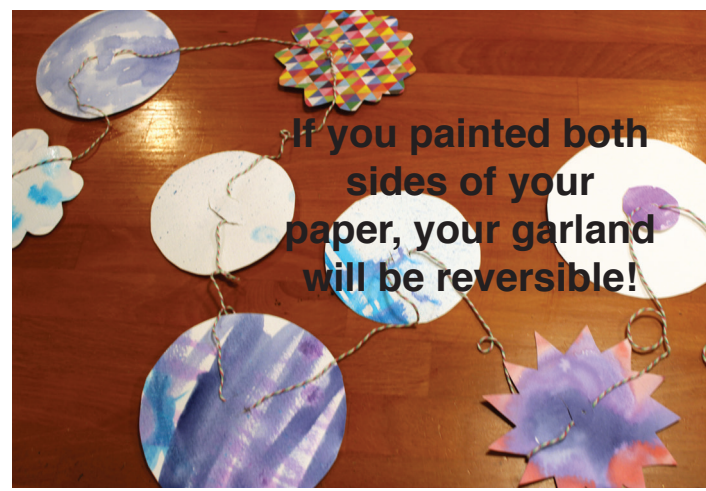


Add a leaf by twisting the pipe cleaner in the middle of the stem.

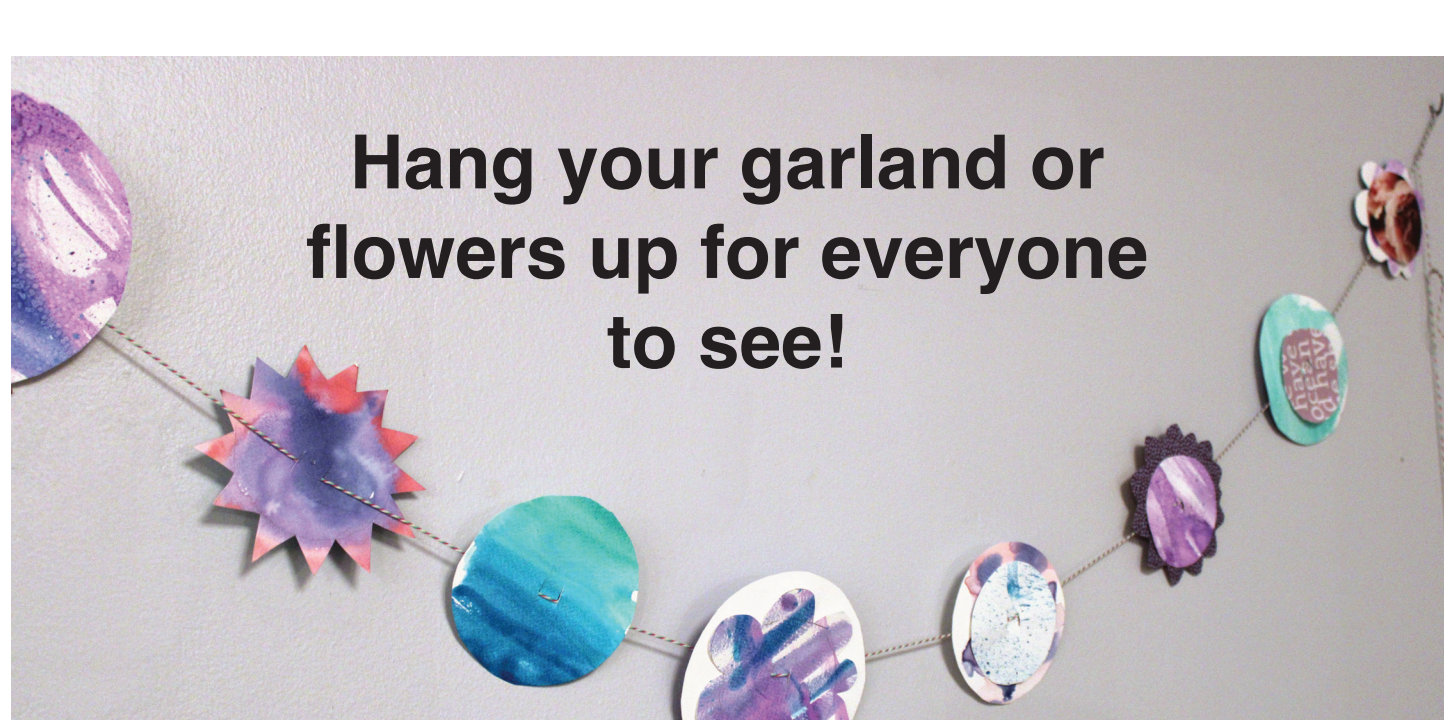
You can use floral wire or other kinds of wire if you don't have pipe cleaners.



All done!



If you painted both sides of your paper, your garland will be reversible!



Hang your garland or flowers up for everyone to see!